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Honorable Les Aspin, Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In light of the interest of the Subcommittee on Oversight in the issue of CIA relations with the media, I want to forward the enclosed Agency study of the Soviet propaganda campaign against United States production of a neutron bomb. A long-range objective of this campaign was the creation of a public opinion climate which will give the Soviets a favorable edge in SALT and CSCE negotiations.

This operation made use of every kind of printed and electronic medium, and was supported by a variety of front organizations, with their own means of influencing opinion. This use of the controlled news media stimulated reaction in the uncontrolled and neutral media. The study demonstrates the great resources of the Soviet Union in this field, and the ease with which they can advance their own interests and damage those of the U.S.

Sincerely,

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